



REDINGTON FROGNAL ASSOCIATION

Umbrella body for residents' groups in the Redington Frognal Conservation Area

Draft note of AGM held on Sunday 12 October at 6.45 pm St. Margaret's School, Kidderpore Gardens

1. Attendees and apologies

Apologies: Leila Adle, Simon Alterman, Emily Brettle, Maria and Jean-Louis Chaut, Charles Harris, Jessica Learmond Criqui, Susan Lee, Sarah Lockett, Amanda Mitchell, Claudia Newall, Marcelle Shulman, Averil Stroud, Jenny White, Nicholas White.

A number of residents left due to the over-run of the Forum meeting and some of those noted as present below may have left.

Attendees: Cllr. Steve Adams, Laurence Bard, Victoria Barclay, Margaret Bloom, Nizam Broachi, Noel Brock, Hitesh Chowdry, Linda Chung, Diana Clements, Siobhan Ezra, Andrew and Lydia Glennie, James Goolink, Timothy Gribble, Susan Grossman, Tina Marton, Nancy Mayo, Marx de Moraes, Tim O'Sullivan, Maria Piana, Karen Phillips, Sara Probert, Frances Richardson, John Reizenstein, Angela Rubens, Val Russell, Jackie Samuel, Felicity Schultz, Kanti Shah, Jane Shaw, Jonathan Silver, Kurt van den Eynden.

2. Draft minutes of Forum AGM of 27.10.24

The meeting started late and the draft minutes of 27.10.24 were not considered in detail, but were adopted. They are available on the Association website and a link had been circulated with the email notice of the AGM and the Agenda.

3. Membership update

The Association currently has over 70 members. Membership has been boosted by various initiatives during the year, including traffic and crime concerns, tailored WhatsApp groups and a RedFrog Pilates class.

As a priority, it is hoped to automate membership renewal to ease the administrative burden and to provide a regular income. Membership revenue is needed to finance public liability insurance, website hosting, etc. Increased membership numbers would allow the Association to broaden its activities and elevate it to a more professional level.

4. Progress since last AGM

i. RF Safe Neighbourhood WA group

As concerns over crime in the area have mounted, the RedFrog Safe Neighbourhood WA group was established by Nizam Broachi, Vinod Nargund, Vivek Sood and Tina Marton to enhance security and gain a better understanding of crime in RedFrog.



The RedFrog Safe Neighbourhood WA group currently has 127 members, but greater engagement is needed it is requested that all residents join the RedFrog WA groups through the QR code at the bottom of the membership page of the RedFrog Association website:

<https://www.redfrogassociation.org/membership/>

The RedFrog Safe Neighbourhood WA group is well administered to ensure that postings are relevant.

Frognal Safer Neighbourhood Team

Priorities for the Met Police Frognal Safer Neighbourhood Team are decided together with Camden and the Frognal Safer Neighbourhood Panel, which has been chaired by local resident, Jessica Learmond-Criqui, for some twenty years.

A police officer from the Frognal Safer Neighbourhoods Team observes the chat in the RF Safe Neighbourhood WA group but does not engage. Communications with the Safer Neighbourhood Team have vastly improved as a result of the WA group, which meets on a bi-monthly basis.

- ii. Branch Hill Pond and parrot's feather
Water lettuce and parrot's feather plants were introduced into the pond by a local resident. These are non-native and highly invasive. The water lettuce has been eradicated, but parrot's feather, which is particularly difficult to clear, remains and is due to be cleared again this year. The presence of invasive species has delayed planting of the pond and fence.
- iii. Planting of Croft Way and SuDS [sustainable urban drainage] measures
Camden has undertaken SuDS planting in Greencroft Gardens and is generally seeking sites for SuDS planting.
Croft Way would be a suitable site and RedFrog could seek quotes to replace the failed planting and clear the invasive bamboo.

5. Rewilding of the cattle trough triangle at the junction of Platt's Lane and Hermitage Lane

Nearby residents were thanked for their help with watering, notably Oonagh O'Hagan, who gave access to her water supply.

Talk by Noel Brock, horticultural ecologist and garden designer and Director of Frognal Gardens Ltd. Noel's talk was deferred until the 2026 AGM due to time pressures.

6. Crime update

This was covered under item 4 i.



7. Business Improvement District for Finchley Road

This item was not covered, but some notes are added below for information.

Finchley Road suffers from high levels of antisocial behaviour, in addition to being blighted by traffic. One of the Complementary Actions to deliver the RedFrog Neighbourhood Plan concerns the enhancement of Finchley Road, an important residential street and secondary shopping centre.

At the recommendation of Cllr. Andrew Parkinson RedFrog will work with Marx to deliver enhancements to the road. Marx has started the process by seeking to establish a Business Improvement District for Finchley Road and an application has been lodged with Camden.

Interventions envisaged include private security, greening measures, a cleaner street and safer crossings.

8. Philip Jones Associates report for Hampstead Transport Partnership

In 2023, Hampstead Transport Partnership was awarded £35,500 of local community infrastructure funding to commission Phillip Jones Associates transport consultants to understand local concerns about traffic and transport and to identify a holistic solution.

It was observed that the area under review excludes the TfL route, Finchley Road. Moreover, information had not been sought on the origins and destinations of traffic travelling through the Frognal area.

Questionnaires had been circulated to residents earlier and the results are currently being analysed. On finalisation, the report and recommendations will be submitted to Camden for consideration.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.hampsteadtransport.com/>

9. Ferncroft and Kidderpore Avenue Healthy School Streets update

During February and March 2024, Camden consulted on the proposed trial of a Healthy School Street scheme for Ferncroft and Kidderpore Avenue in relation to St Luke's and St Margaret's schools. The scheme includes timed motor vehicle restrictions at school pick up and drop off times, subject to detailed design and statutory processes.

Over 500 responses were received, including from RedFrog Association, and Camden decided to implement the proposed changes as a trial.



However, the trial has not yet been implemented due to a “call-in” by Conservative ward councillors on 5 June 2025.

Separately, two local residents, Robert Darwin and Naomi Gordon, are seeking funds for a legal challenge. Contact details can be found through the RedFrog Traffic WA group, accessible through the QR code at the bottom of the membership page of the RedFrog Association website: <https://www.redfrogassociation.org/membership/>

10. Camden consultations, eg:

Camden Climate Action Plan Review, 2020-2025.

RedFrog did not submit a response, although a response was submitted by Climate Emergency Camden, incorporating ecological input from RedFrog.

Camden Cultural Strategy, 2026–2031

Marx had submitted a detailed response to the Camden Cultural Strategy, which fails to consider the interests and needs of residents in the north of the borough.

11. Accounts

The main income received in 2025 related to grant payments from Barnet and Camden LCIL money. Due to the Association’s membership drive, revenue from membership subscriptions increased markedly and advertising revenue of £995 was received from SQR.

The main outgoings related to the greening of the Cattle Trough Triangle, printing of the Gardening for Wildlife booklet and costs associated with the AGM and websites.

Unspent LCIL money increased to £27,761, although some of this will be spent imminently on the Westbourne project.

Laurence steps down as Treasurer, leaving the accounts in a very healthy state. He was thanked for the many years during which he served as Treasurer.

12. Situations vacant

- i. Chair
Kurt was thanked for having committed two years as the Association’s Chair. It is with great regret that both Kurt and Laurence are leaving.
The Association has not had a Vice Chair for many years and no particular need is seen for this role.
Marx volunteered to stand for the position of Chair.
- ii. Treasurer
Maria Kouyoumijian offered to take over as Treasurer.



No offers were received to fill the positions listed in iii to vi.

- iii. Membership Secretary
- iv. Grant applications
- v. Responses to Camden consultations
- vi. Planning applications
- vii. Marketing assistance, eg LinkedIn content.
Victoria offered to help with marketing RedFrog.

In response to a request for clarification of the distinction between the Neighbourhood Forum and the Association, Nancy explained that the Neighbourhood Forum is constituted under the Localism Act 2011 for the purpose of developing a neighbourhood plan, keeping it up-to-date and ensuring that its policies are applied.

The Association focusses on all other matters.

13. Elections

Voting is restricted to paid-up members of the Association.
Marx and Maria were elected as Chair and Treasurer, respectively.

14. AoB

RedFrog Pilates classes was a new initiative that commenced at the beginning of 2025. These have transferred to The Yoga Studio at 13 Heath Street (just close to the junction with Church Row).

15. Q&A with drinks and refreshments

The meeting was closed without having time for a Q&A.

Note: *all text in italics has been added post meeting for information.*